

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 148

By Sexton

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Joey Grissom upon being named the 2013 Tennessee Master Logger of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Joey Grissom of Spencer, who was recently named as the 2013 Tennessee Master Logger of the Year by the Tennessee Forestry Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grissom is the owner/operator of Grissom Logging, and he is joined in the business by his wife, Rebecca, who keeps the company's books, his son, Jordan, who works on the logging crew, and his father, Trueman, who assists as needed in various capacities; and

WHEREAS, it is logging families like the Grissoms who are the backbone of the forestry industry in Tennessee. Mr. Grissom's business acumen is impressive and his knowledge of resource conservation makes him a wise choice for the top State honor in his profession; and

WHEREAS, Grissom Logging is a credit to the logging industry, their reputation in the community is excellent and it is well deserved, as it was earned through years of consistent professionalism; and

WHEREAS, the hallmarks of success of Grissom Logging are its intense focus on state-of-the-art safety equipment and practices, superior forest management techniques and strategies, and timber harvesting strategies which utilize top-of-the-line equipment operated by their highly skilled and qualified workforce; and

WHEREAS, Joey Grissom is also an outstanding community leader who is currently serving his third four-year term on the county commission. He has served as the county's Emergency Management Director for seventeen years and is a trained emergency medical technician who volunteers with the Ambulance Service. Mr. Grissom stands as the Fire Chief for the Piney Fire Department and has done so for the past eighteen years as part of his 25 years of membership in that department. He is also a member of the Tennessee Fireman's Association, the Tennessee Fire Chief's Association, and the Tennessee Forestry Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grissom is a devout member of Piney Church of Christ, which he has served for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grissom exemplifies the spirit and dedication to excellence that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, he has demonstrated the utmost professionalism in his chosen field of industry, his abilities and integrity have been duly noted by his colleagues in the logging and forestry industry, and it is fitting that this legislative body recognize him at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we recognize and congratulate Joey Grissom upon being named 2013 Tennessee Master Logger of the Year by the Tennessee Forestry Association, and we extend to him and his family our best wishes for success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.